

# **WIS 54**

## **WIS 54 and County U intersection**

### **Wood and Portage counties**

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# Today's presentation

- ▶ Review background
- ▶ Review potential solutions
- ▶ Identify WisDOT preferred alternative
- ▶ Discuss next steps





# Project location



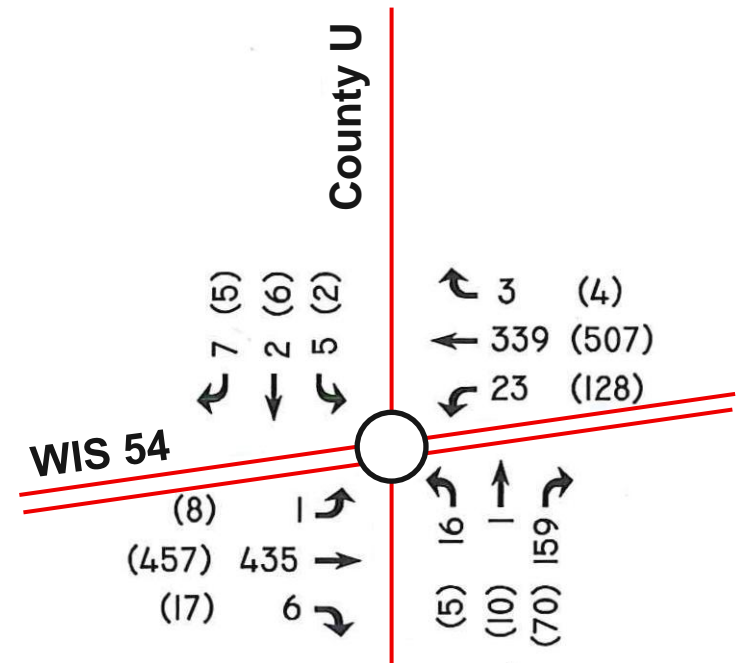
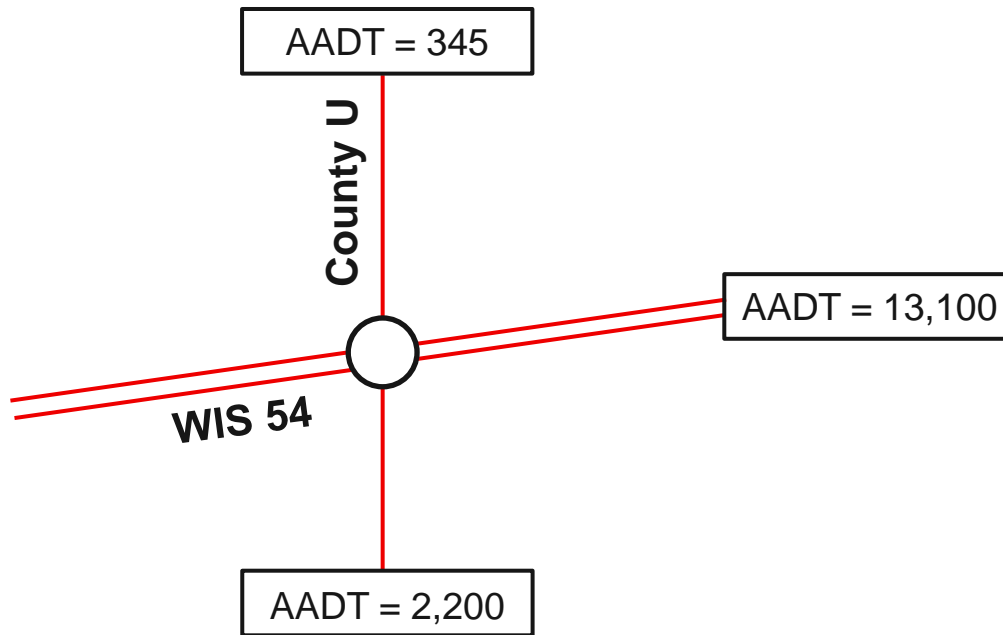
# Purpose and need for the project

- ▶ Enhance safety at the intersection
- ▶ 2008 – 2013: 11 crashes and 18 associated injuries at the intersection
- ▶ 2006: A fatal angle crash resulted in the death of both drivers





# Existing traffic conditions



AADT: Annual Average Daily Traffic

## 6:30-7:30 Weekday AM Peak Hour  
 (##) 4:00-5:00 Weekday PM Peak Hour



# Crash history



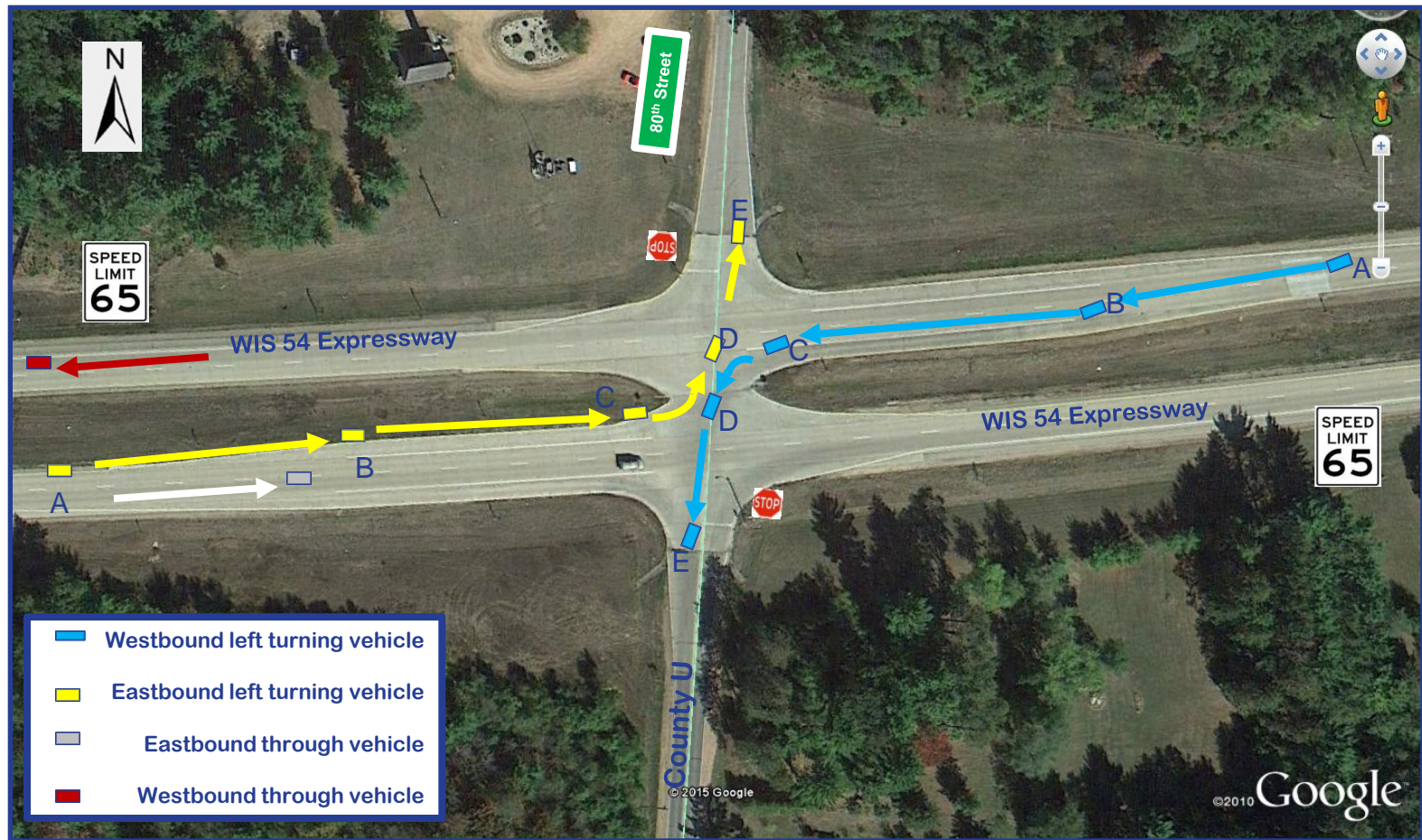
# Most common public concerns

- ▶ WIS 54 turn lanes are too short
- ▶ Concerns about WIS 54 vehicle speeds
- ▶ Driver confusion at the WIS 54 and County U intersection and left turns
- ▶ Northbound County U traffic turning right is not waiting for clear right of way





# Rules of the Road





# Solutions and comparisons

Factors of Evaluation	Alternatives							
	Alternative 1 No Build	Alternative 2 Close Median	Alternative 3 Signs, Markings, and Minor Median Improvements	Alternative 4 Neutral Offset Left Turns	Alternative 5 J-Turn	Alternative 6 Offset T- Intersections	Alternative 7 Larger Median (125-Feet)	
	Probability of Reducing Angle Crashes (High is Most Favorable)	Low	High	Low	Low	High	High	Moderate
	Probability of Reducing Confusion for Motorists Using the Median (High is Most Favorable)	Low	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	High
	Expected to Increase Ease of Making a Turning Movement (Yes Is Most Favorable)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Level of Direct Construction Impacts to the Environment (Minimal is Most Favorable)	None	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Moderate	Large	Moderate
Approximate Anticipated Cost Range	\$0	\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$175,000 to \$225,000	\$300,000 to \$350,000	\$625,000 to \$1,500,000	\$750,000 to \$1,600,000	\$1,400,000 to \$1,700,000	

# Preferred alternative: J-Turn

How it works – video



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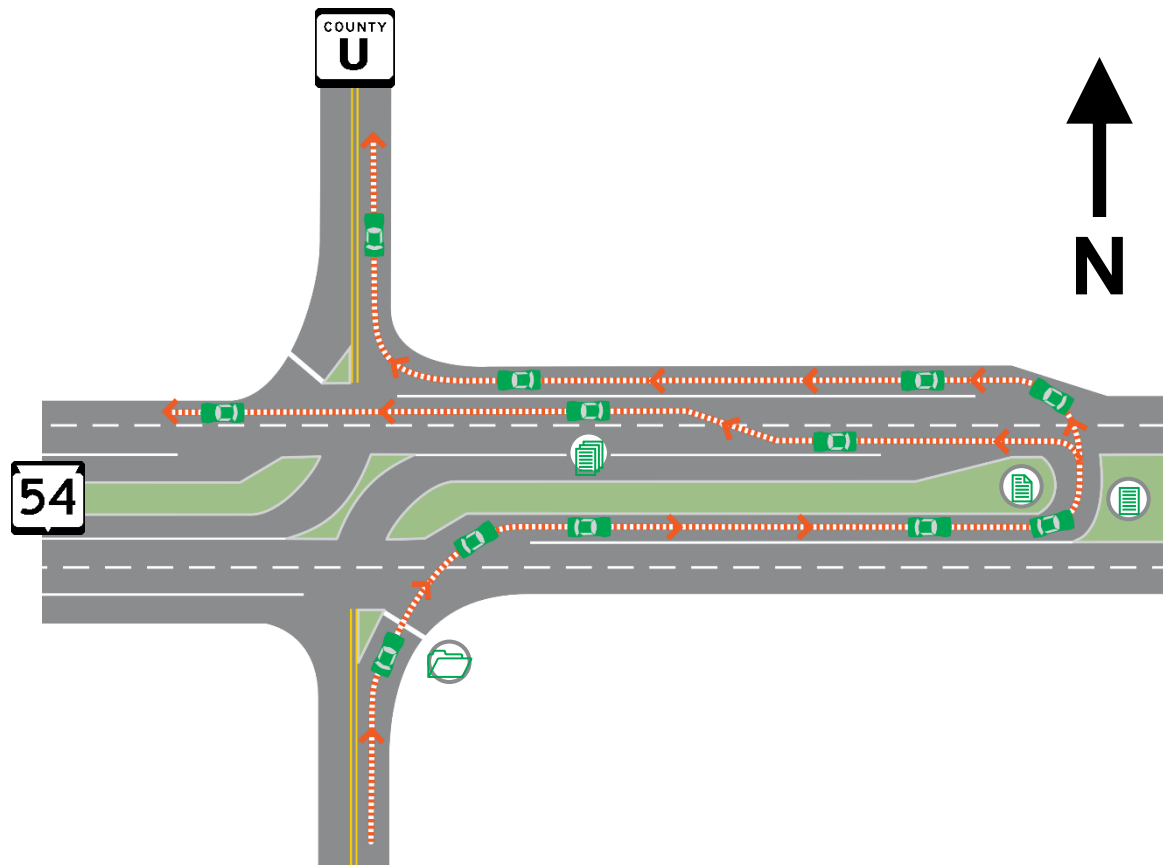
## Advantages

- ▶ Meets the purpose and need
- ▶ Reduces angle crashes
- ▶ No required real estate
- ▶ Minimizes impacts to the environment





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# Schedule

- ▶ Final design is currently scheduled for completion in February 2016
- ▶ Construction is currently scheduled for summer and fall 2016



# Potential traffic impacts

- ▶ WIS 54 will remain open to single lane traffic
- ▶ County U traffic impacts will be minimized
- ▶ Median crossover modifications





# Contacts and resources

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Thank you for attending.



# Questions?

